(a) whether it is a fact that cess per litre is charged on petrol and high speed diesel to mobilize funds for road construction projects and it is distributed to different departments related to road construction;

(b) if so, the details of cess received and distributed during last three financial years alongwith current financial year, year-wise;

(c) whether there is a complaint that this distribution is not being made as per the provisions of Central Road Fund Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Section 4 of the Central Road Fund Act, 2000 the proceeds of the cess is credited to the Consolidated Fund of India. The proceeds credited to the Central Road Fund by the Central Government is utilized for the development of National highways, rural roads, state roads, road over/under bridges over the Railway and erection of Safety works at un-manned rail-road level crossings. The details of cess credited and distributed through the Central Road Fund during last three financial years alongwith current financial year, year-wise are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Distribution of Cess Fund

(*Rs. in crore*)

Year	Ministry of Railways	Ministry of Rural Development	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways	Total
2004-05	401.00	2148.00	2812.00	5361.00
2005-06	710.81	3809.50	4975.69	9496.00
2006-07	710.86	3725.62	8113.52	12550.00
2007-08	724.69	3825.00	8280.31	12830.00
GRAND TOTAL:	2547.36	13508.12	24181.52	40237.00

Strengthening Works under NHDP

2279. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not sanctioning the strengthening works under

the plan on stretches, which have been identified under NHDP during this period of sanctioning the works by NHAI; and

(b) if so, then who would be responsible for poor maintenance of roads during this period, NHAI or his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Improvements are done as per the requirements, on the stretches identified under National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

(b) National Highways are maintained in traffic worthy conditions by Ministry, through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)/State PWDs/Border Roads Organisation, as the case may be, till the stretch is taken over by contractor/concessionaire.

Setting up of shipyards

2280. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up shipyards in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including speciality of such shipyards, if any, and the present status of the above proposal, as on today;

(c) if so, the details thereof of the States that had submitted proposals and the status of the proposals submitted, as on today;

(d) if so, the nodal agencies appointed for the same and the details of steps taken by the nodal agency for identifying the locations and appointing consultants, if any, for the above; and

(e) the details of the parameters considered for final selection of the location for setting up the proposed shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPIN, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) There is a proposal for setting up two international size shipyards, one on the East Coast and another on the West Coast of India.

(b) to (d) an international size shipyard may build and repair ships upto the size of Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) which has a carrying capacity of 300,000 Tonnes (DWT). The shipyard may be located in a place which has 10-12 metres water depth at the jetty. The international size shipyard may have at least two and preferably three big dry docks (2 for building and 1 for repair), a quay side length of at least 2.5 kms. and various support facilities for building and assembly of ships.

Maritime States were requested by this Ministry to identify suitable location for setting up of international size shipyards, one each on the East Coast and West Coast of India respectively. In response, the following locations have been suggested by the Maritime States: